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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: TARON REQUEST FOR EXTRA SECTION FLIGHT

REF: (A) STATE 190999, (B) BUCHAREST 5381

- 1. SUBSEQUENT TO DISCUSSION REPORTED REFTEL B, EMBOFF WAS CALLED TO MFA FOR MEETING WITH FIRST SECRETARY MAXIM ON AUGUST 4. MAXIM STATED THAT THERE HAD BEEN SOME MISUNDERSTANDING REGARDING JURIDICAL BASIS FOR GOR REQUEST. REQUEST IS IN FACT BASED ON ANNEX OF AIR AGREEMENT SIGNED IN 1974, NOT ON MOU REFERRED TO IN JULY 25 NOTE OF GOR EMBASSY. AS NOTED REFTEL B, IT REPEATED THAT PURPOSE OF FLIGHT IS TO REPLACE ENGINE. ENGINE WAS REPAIRED UNDER CONTRACT BY PAN AM IN NEW YORK. AIRCRAFT NO. IS B-707, YR-ABA.
- 2. MAXIM ALSO RESPONDED FORMALLY TO EXAMPLES OF GOR/TAROM BEHAVIOR OF CONCERN TO USG AS CITED BY EMOFF IN PREVIOUS MEETING (REFTEL B). MAXIM STATED THAT BOOKINGS WERE CURRENTLY WEIGHTED IN PAN AM'S FAVOR BY 59 PERCENT--41 PERCENT INCLUDING PASSENGERS ORIGINATING IN BUCHAREST. FURTHER, TAROM WILL TAKE ALL NECESSARY MEASURES TO INSURE AT LEAST EQUAL DISTRIBUTION OF TRAFFIC WITH PAN AM IN FUTURE. REGARDING UNCLASSIFIED

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ACCESS OF PAN AM MAINTENANCE VEHICLE TO AIRPORT RAMP AREA, MAXIM STATED THAT ACCESS HAD BEEN RESTRICTED ONLY IN FEW ISOLATED CASES WHEN THERE WERE OVER-RIDING SECURITY CONSIDERATIONS. VEHICLE HAS AN WILL CONTINUE TO HAVE RAMP ACCESS EXCEPT WHEN SPECIAL AND TEMPORARY SECURITY PRECAUTIONS ARE INSTITUTED. (NOTE: PAN AM REP REPORTS VEHICLE IS ONLY

PERMITTED IN RAMP AREA ONE HOUR BEFORE AND AFTER ARRIVALS OR DEPARTURES.)

3. REGARDING APPROVAL OF MOU, MAXIM COULD PROVIDE NO INDICATION OF WHEN GOR RESPONSE WOULD BE FORTH-COMING.
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